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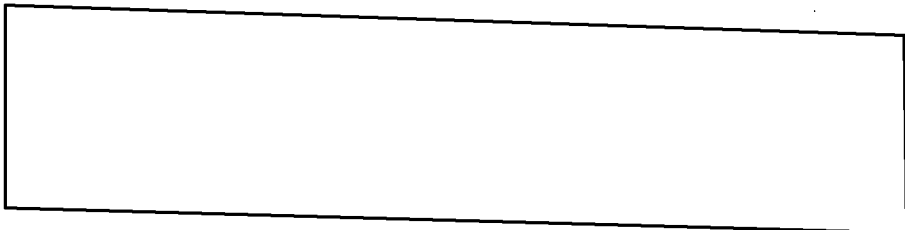
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Cambodia - South Vietnam: Cambodian Prince Sihanouk continues to favor neutralizing South Vietnam but, [redacted]

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[redacted] he has decided that it would be pointless to call for an international conference for this purpose while President Diem remains in power. Sihanouk feels, however, that in the event of a coup against Diem by non-Communist elements, such a conference would be urgently needed. He believes that there are elements in South Vietnam capable of building a stable and neutralist regime. The Cambodian leader has been repeatedly encouraged by the Communist bloc to promote an international conference on South Vietnam.]

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[There now is no organized neutralist movement in South Vietnam. Interest in neutralism is increasing, however, particularly among the educated, who are wearied by years of continued warfare and impressed by the example of the Laotian settlement. The Diem government is reported to be undertaking an informational campaign to head off any trend toward organized neutralism.] [redacted]

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West Germany: [Chancellor Adenauer and Defense Minister Strauss, according to a well-placed West German official, have expressed some concern that the appointments of Generals Lemnitzer and Taylor portend greater US emphasis on conventional warfare and less willingness to resort to nuclear weapons in case of a European conflict. Adenauer reportedly stated on 24 July that Strauss had warned him that US nuclear strategy might shift to the extent that Washington would be willing to see Europe overrun by a hostile force rather than risk the destruction of US cities. In a speech in Bonn on 28 July, Strauss himself reiterated his long-standing "hard line" view that conventional war is no longer possible in Europe and that capitulation or loss of territory can be avoided only by a strong nuclear deterrent.]

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Congo: Tshombé has responded favorably to Adoula's announcement on 28 July that he is willing to present to the Congo parliament in September a new constitution to be drafted with UN assistance. The proposed constitution reportedly provides for greater provincial autonomy than the Belgian-drafted constitution under which the Congo now operates. Leopoldville and Elisabethville have thus far been unable to resolve their differences on constitutional matters, however, and there is no reason to believe that they will now easily or quickly reach an agreement. Tshombé's call for the inclusion of representatives of all six provinces on the drafting commission will further impede progress.

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[Adoula is believed willing to give genuine provincial autonomy provided he gets effective backing from the UN and the West to exert pressure on Tshombé to accept it] Adoula's political position is so weak, [how-
ever] that he may not be able either to give as much as Tshombé wants, or to afford a long-drawn-out discussion of constitutional principles. []

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[] Tshombé, aware of the weakness of the Leopoldville regime and confident that Britain or France will block any attempt by the UN to use force against him, is cocky and confident of his position. []

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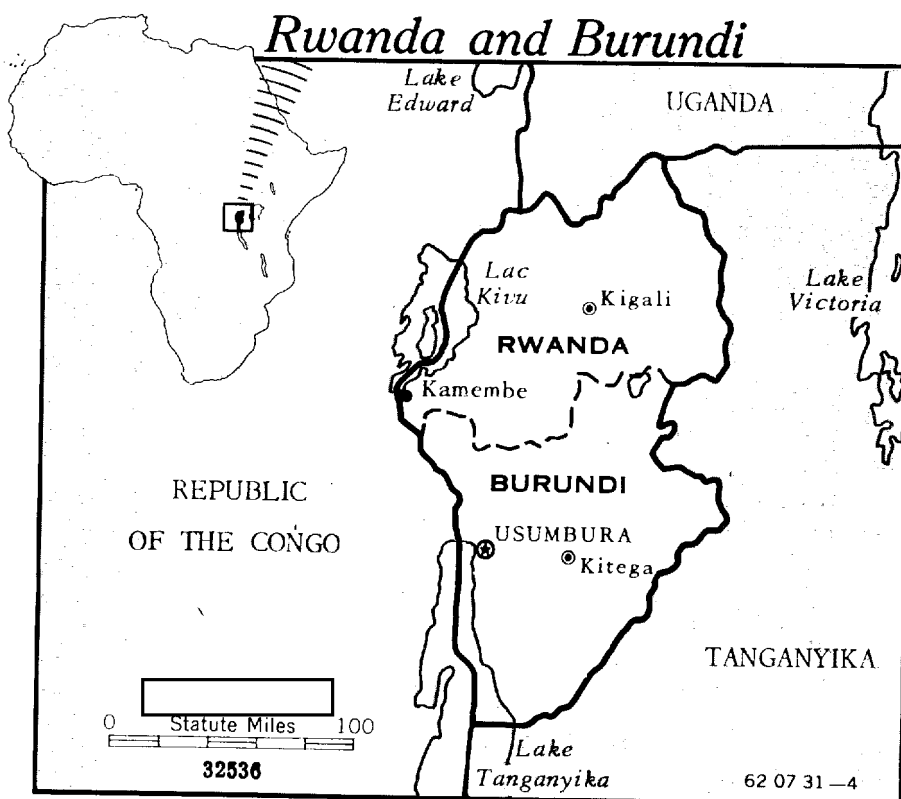
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UAR: [The chances that an attempt will be made to assassinate President Nasir seem to have increased appreciably over the past few months, although the odds are probably still against it. [redacted]

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[redacted] there has been considerable antiregime talk among army and navy officers, that some meaningful plotting may be taking place, and that several antiregime leaflets have been circulated among the military by a group calling itself "Officers of the People." [redacted]

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Rwanda: [Negotiations between Rwanda and Belgium over the retention of Belgian troops are foundering, and it appears that the troops will be withdrawn soon. There had been some prospect that Belgian troops might be retained in Rwanda, where President Kayibanda's government may face serious tribal violence. Rwandan and Belgian officials, however, have been unable to agree on the amount of Belgian technical assistance or on the place where a Belgian air contingent should be located. Brussels wants to put it at Kamembe near the Congo border, and Kayibanda wants it at Kigali, the capital.]

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[Although Kayibanda has expressed confidence that the security situation is well in hand and contends that Belgian combat troops are not necessary to augment his local forces, he had earlier asked to retain 100 soldier-technicians when Belgium began talking about withdrawing its 350 combat troops.] [redacted]

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Growing Unrest in the UAR

[There is a tendency toward growing restiveness in Egypt because much of the magic of the revolution has worn off after ten years and because the Nasir government has still not been able to fulfill many of its early promises, especially those concerning rapid and major improvement in the economic well-being of the people. A significant number of influential families continue to bear a grudge because of the damage done to their interests by Nasir's nationalization and sequestration decrees.]

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[Nasir's stock with the Egyptian masses, however, was given a boost by the anniversary celebrations, by the display of new military equipment obtained from the Soviet Union, and particularly by the display and launching of missiles put together in Egypt. Progress in technical and scientific fields has a special appeal to the Arab peoples, who for many generations have lagged far behind Western nations.]

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